

SENATOR CLARK: It is with great pleasure that I present to you in the north balcony for those of you that like to eat steak, the Nebraska Stockgrowers Board of Directors and committee men from western Nebraska, the 47th District. Will you stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. Next speaker is Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I support the pseudorabies act, LB 36. I think it is time that Nebraska look at its swine industry and take some real serious concerns on this. Pseudorabies at the present time is a serious disease. It is not the worst by any factor of the imagination that we've got to deal with but the amount of pseudorabies in the state is not at an extremely high level. If we don't do something to curb the growth of pseudorabies now, any control program or measures to really handle the disease may very well be an impossible situation in another year or two. The amount of pseudorabies right now and it is rapidly growing is at a level where we can do something realistically I am sure to curb its growth. LB 36 is not supposed to stamp out pseudorabies. It is to stop the growth and the spread of pseudorabies in the State of Nebraska. Now it has been... some of the speakers have said we don't know anything about pseudorabies. We know a lot about it. The main carrier is hog to hog. It is spread from swine to swine. Sure, wild animals and pets can carry it from one farmstead to another but they don't carry it very long because generally and in most instances when a farmer gets pseudorabies his dog dies. The cats that get it die and they don't carry it very long so they are not much of a source in spreading the disease. Europe has a long history with pseudorabies and they went to a vaccination program. Right now in Nebraska our vaccination program in handling the disease is working very well but after years of handling it in Europe they have found problems with covering pseudorabies with vaccination. I think we ought to look at the history of the disease deeper than what we have looked at it right here in the State of Nebraska. It is a serious disease. The bill is reasonable. We worked in the Ag Committee a long time on this bill and I think to worry about \$600,000 on a bill, on an industry where pseudorabies is probably going to cost millions of dollars in the next few years I think is sheer folly. I think the State of Nebraska should take the lead and look out for the hog producers and pork industry of the state. \$600,000 related to the swine industry is a token and if this state is so cheap that it can't put up a token payment to help out the swine industry, we are going to have a lot of problems ahead of us. I don't think we can take the concerns of a point on the income tax, and six hundred thousand is one fortieth of what one percent on the income tax produces, to let the